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**Los Angeles County Art Commission Proposal to Develop a Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project in the Second District**

The countywide Proposition As of 1992 and 1996, established the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District), and allocated millions of dollars to public agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of acquiring and developing facilities and open spaces for public recreation. In addition to a variety of other initiatives including graffiti abatement, youth and senior services, and gang prevention strategies, the District can grant funds to promote graffiti abatement in parks as well as other public buildings and the public right of way.

The County of Los Angeles (the County) utilizes a variety of strategies to reduce the incidence of graffiti, including a policy of striving to remove graffiti from public spaces within 48 hours, and a graffiti tracker system to identify frequent offenders. However, the proliferation of graffiti continues to be a challenge that adversely impacts the quality of life for residents and businesses in the County. Therefore, it is important that the County explore innovative ways to prevent graffiti. Raising awareness of the negative economic and social impacts of graffiti, as well as eliminating graffiti on public buildings, sends a message to residents and businesses that their communities are safe and thriving.

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Innovative projects to fight graffiti may consist of the design and installation of murals and other artist treatments that reduce the reoccurrence of graffiti or minimize the visual appearance of graffiti while helping youth utilize their artistic talents for personal expression. Graffiti abatement projects can employ local youth, beautify local structures, celebrate community culture and promote positive values.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission through its Civic Art Program has a track record of successfully implementing such projects, including murals at the Lennox Park and Florence Library that engaged the community in the project design and execution. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open District is currently soliciting proposals for graffiti abatement strategies throughout the Second District. The Civic Art Commission is proposing to apply for the funds to establish a Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project, which would consist of the design and installation of creative solutions and environmental treatments that mitigate the frequency and visual impact of graffiti on public buildings.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Approve the attached resolution approving the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second District Excess Funds for the Civic Art Graffiti Abatement Project by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission or designee to accept the funds and submit all documents, including the project agreement and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

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